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Letter dated 16 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the recent provocations committed by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia on the line of contact.

On 14 January 2015, during the monitoring conducted on the contact line near Horadiz village of the Fuzuli district of the Republic of Azerbaijan under the mandate of the Personal Representative of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Chairman-in-Office, the Armenian armed forces opened fire on the defence positions of the Azerbaijani army and attempted to disrupt the monitoring.

As reported, the field assistant of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Mr. Yevgeny Sharov, who participated in the monitoring on the Azerbaijani side, noted that, in compliance with the rules for monitoring, the units of the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan did not respond by opening fire on the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia and thus ensured the necessary conditions for the completion of the monitoring.

These provocative acts are yet another vivid example of the deliberate policy and attempts of the Armenian side to aggravate the situation on the ground. The sole responsibility for deterioration of the situation and its consequences lies with the Republic of Armenia, the aggressor and occupying State.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 33 and 38, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative